tonnes in 1990-91 to 3040 tonnes in 1991-92 (upto February, 1992)

Post Offices in Rajasthan

5174. SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA): Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices, sub-post offices and head post offices in Rajasthan, at present; and

(b) the district-wise number of new post offices proposed to be opened in the State during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTRY IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The number of post offices, sub-post offices and head post offices in Rjasthan, at present, is as under:

Head Post Office	*Departmental Sub-Post Office*	*Extra Departmental sub-Post Office*	*Extra Departmental brach Post Office*
55	1384	105	8417

(b) Further expansion of postal network in Rajasthan is envisaged during the Eighth Five Year Plan. It is, however, not feasible to give details in this regard as the Eighth Five Year Plan has not been finalised

[*English*]

Defective System of Telephone Connections

5175. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the present one + one system under which telephone connections are being provided is defective;

(b) if so, the merits and demerits vis-a-vis other systems; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to replace the one +one system?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) No, Sir. All the one + one systems are type-tested and approved by the department before they are introduced into the network.

(b) The merits over normal method of giving connections of all the subscriber carrier systems are:-

(i) Better speech.

(ii) Two or more connections can be given over one cable pair. This helps in providing connections quickly in non-feasible areas.

Only demerits over the normal cable pair arrangement is that more maintenance attention is required for the battery at subscriber premises.

(c) The department does not intend to replace these systems. In places where prolonged power failure are met with, the capacity of the battery at the subscribers premises is being increased.

[*Translation*]

Purchasing Vehicles by Delhi Telephones

5176. MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF

FATMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the consumption of petrol has increased and new vehicles have been purchased by Delhi Telephones against the instructions issued by the Government to reduce the consumption of petrol and banning the purchase of new vehicles; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no increase in the consumption of petrol in MTNL during 1991-92 as compared to the consumption of last year i.e. 1990 91.

No additional vehicle has been purchased in MTNL since the imposition of ban in this regard.

Only a few old and scrapped vehicles have been replaced with new vehicles as these vehicles have out lived their prescribed life and found uneconomical to keep it on road.

[English]

World Bank Assistance for Tubewells in Haryanathr

5177. SHRI JANGBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tubewells set up in Haryana with the World Bank assistance;

(b) the number of tubewells, out of them which are not functioning;

(c) the time by which these are likely to become operational; and

(d) the number of tubewells proposed to be set up in the State during 1992-93 with the World Bank Assistance?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The total number of Tubewells set up in Haryana with World Bank assistance under Haryana Irrigation Project Phase-I and Phase-II is 336.

(b) Of the above, 275 tubewells are not functioning.

(c) The operation of 251 tubewells lying along Bhakra Canal System is linked to completion of Sutlej-Yamuna Link Canal and the remaining 24 tubewellls are scheduled tobe on energised shortly.

(d) There is no proposal to set up, tubewells in Hary ana with World Bank assistance during 1992-93.

[Translation]

Air Links between Rajkot and Bombay

5178. SHRI AVATAR SINGH BHADANA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to link Rajkot with Bombay by daily Vayudoot services; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b). Vayudoot is already operating six days a week services on the route Bomaby-Kandia-Rajkot-Bombay. For commercial and operational reasons it is not possible for Vayudoot to set up the frequency of operations to Rajkot..

[English]

Research Centres for NCES

5179. SHRI K.V.R. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to encourage non-conventional energy